held in 1968 at Patna, and the 40th Session held in 1970 at Madras, but they have not had the desired effect.

Secretary's Note

The Government of India have taken action on many of the recommendations of the Archival Legislation Committee. A detailed statement indicating the position has been given as an Appendix to the Indian Historical Records Commission Proceedings, Volume XXXVIII (1967). In a number of cases, the actual implementation of the recommendations has been slow, or held up for financial and other reasons. It would be good if individual items requiring urgent attention are singled out and appropriate recommendations made to Governments and other bodies concerned.

As regards the question of legislation on Central Government records, the subject is under the active consideration of the Government of India. Every effort is being made to expedite matters, and it is expected that the question will be placed before the Cabinet at an early date.

Proceedings

In view of the fact that the above topic was thoroughly discussed by the members while discussing action taken on resolution VI of the 40th Session, Shri Singarajan withdrew the resolution.

(11) Preservation of official and private papers of important public men.

(a) Resolution by Shri V.G.Khobrekar

Resolved that this Commission recommends to the Government of India that the personal records created by the

renowned political leaders of India and eminent personalities in the social and educational fields and the very important persons of the Central and the State Ministries have historical value, and should remain in the custody of the respective State Archives to which they legitimately belong, and no other agency be allowed to acquire them.

Explanatory Note

It is observed that the valuable personal records of political leaders and the V.I.Ps. (Ministers, Deputy Ministers etc.) are taken away from the place to which they legitimately belong, thus depriving the State Archives of their legitimate right on such records. It is, therefore, desirable to see that the personal records of famous political leaders and the V.I.Ps. should remain in the custody of the Archives where they have been created and they should not be removed elsewhere, without their concurrence.

Proceedings:

In view of the implications arising out of the proposal, and because the property rights of private individuals were involved, Shri Khobrekar withdrew the motion.

(b) Resolution by Dr.M.N.Das

Resolved that a standing directive be issued by the National Archives of India to all men of public distinction not to destroy their private papers and official or demi-official correspondence, but to provide for their transfer to the Archives for preservation during or after their lifetime, with permission for their use after a lapse of time.